

COVID-19 Update

Visitation Update

Effective September 17, 2022

By the California Department of Public Health, hospital visitors are no longer required to show proof of either COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test. Additionally, CDPH recommends that hospitals allow all patients to have visitors without restriction, provided physical distancing can be accomplished.

Effective November 22, 2022

SBMC will allow **all patients**, by guidance of CDPH, to have up to 2 visitors at a time - this will include patients confirmed or suspected of COVID-19. Each visitor must wear a face covering at all times upon entry and while in the hospital. Visitation is restricted to the patient's room, no waiting is permitted in the hallways. Visitors must use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the patient's room. Please note, any visitors showing signs or symptoms of illness may not visit patients. The hospital may restrict access to certain areas, including the cafeteria and chapel, depending on the current needs.

Visitation may change as the COVID-19 pandemic and influenza season develops.

All visitors must wear a standard face mask and gown while in a COVID-19 positive patient or suspects room. N95 masks are not permitted for visitors, as they have not been fit tested.

November 22, 2022